OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

the City Of August

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of "Russell Joel Brown"

WHEREAS, Russell Joel Brown is an Augusta native that made his way to the Big Apple where he was a Broadway actor, singer and dancer for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Russell Joel Brown returned to Augusta to share his talent by giving unforgettable stage performances, which earned him two notable awards – the "Stevie" Award for Best Performance of the Year, for two years running, and the "Individual Artist of the Year; and

WHEREAS, he is well known for his productions "From Mozart to Motown" and "A Mozart to Motown Christmas"; and

WHEREAS, he established The Russell Joel Brown Foundation, which seeks to improve the quality of life in communities through an approach that is geared to provide exposure, education and performance opportunities for young people, especially those who are economically disadvantaged. Also, to help dismantle the often arbitrary barriers to cooperation and communication within communities, including but not limited to racial intergenerational and socio-economic concerns; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the people of Augusta would like to recognize Russell Joel Brown for his significant contribution of the performing arts to the community and to area youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim November 9, 2004, as "RUSSELL JOEL BROWN DAY" in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 9th day of November 2004.